

# McCone Set to Curb Free Spending by CIA

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John McCone, new head of the Central Intelligence Agency, is preparing to tighten the reins on the way his super-secret agency spends its money.

He is asking Cord Meyer Jr., who handles the CIA's unvouchered funds, to make a full report on the \$400 million that he doled out during the last 12 months for covert operations and intelligence-gathering activities.

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Returning from a first-hand survey of the agency's foreign operations earlier this month, McCone decided on this move after discovering that the CIA had financed dozens of questionable conferences, groups, and other undercover activities throughout the world.

For instance, McCone was shocked to learn in Europe that the CIA promoted or financed nearly every major international socialist conference held on the continent during the last 10 years.

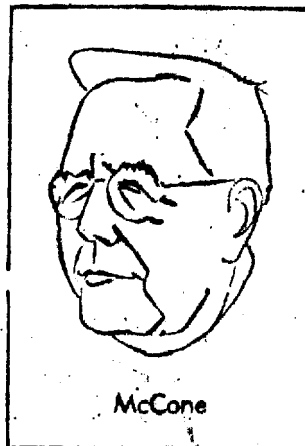
He is now investigating to determine whether these conferences were arranged as intelligence-gathering missions or to promote socialistic movements and groups abroad.

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McCone is also looking into the advisability of another questionable CIA activity. This is the unpublicized practice of giving large fees to U.S. law firms and foundations for

Federalists and a vocal advocate of "world government. He is a friend of William Bundy, deputy to Asst. Defense Secretary Paul Nitze.

Meyer, Bundy, and Nitze have worked as a team in shaping and supporting the policy of supplying U.S. military and economic



aid to Yugoslavia's Communist dictator Tito.

McCone is also lighting another time bomb within the CIA. He is making a first-hand survey of the agency's "estimates" division, which is headed by Sherman Kent.

The new CIA director is looking over these reports to determine their accuracy and the impact that these national intelligence estimates have on U.S. foreign policy — especially, U.S.-Soviet relations.

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